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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, Kensington, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

St. Luke's Church building is a large stone structure in generally good condition with a seating capacity of 600 persons. The building needs extensive window repairs. The adjoining parish hall is also of stone and matches the church building in size. A substantial portion of the parish hall is not used at present, since the congregation is not large enough to do so effectively. The rectory is a six-room unit in row-housing, reportedly in need of some refurbishing. The church building and the parish hall are located on a major traffic artery through Kensington.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

The vicinity of St. Luke's Church buildings has a combination of many kinds of occupancy. There are industries, various categories of residences, and a sizeable hospital and school of nursing. Most of the residences are of the row-house type, the majority occupied by single families, but a substantial number have been converted to apartments and to rooming houses.

Philadelphia has been divided into numerous tracts by the United States Census Bureau and for the purposes of this Survey the tract in which the church buildings are situated, 19-A, and the six adjacent census tracts, have been designated as the parish area for St. Luke's. The following tables give information on population changes and characteristics

in those seven tracts. The first table shows a considerable loss of population for the four tracts about which data are available. It also shows the community as one with a fairly high proportion of adults over the age of 65, but with a substantial number of children. There is a wide variation in the non-white population as well as in the proportion of people with Puerto Rican background.

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	POPULATION 1950	POPULATION 1960	% CHANGE	% 14 & UNDER	% 65 & OVER	% NON-WHITE	PUERTO RICAN
19-A	NA	7,938	-	28.0	10.8	4.9	2.5
19-B	10,554	9,250	-12.4	30.0	11.2	16.0	6.4
19-D	NA	6,631	-	29.9	10.0	11.9	7.1
25-A	10,692	9,533	-10.7	25.2	11.5	0.2	0
31-A	11,840	9,982	-15.7	28.9	9.5	0.3	0.8
33-I	NA	12,045	-	27.4	11.3	0.2	0.1
33-J	15,549	14,153	- 9.0	27.9	9.6	0.3	0.5
TOTAL		69,532				4.0	2.0

In the next table, there is information about the education of the adults aged 25 years or more as of 1960. The median number of school years completed by that adult population, as of 1960, is about eight and a half.

EDUCATION OF ADULTS 25 YRS. OF AGE & OVER

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	% H.S. GRAD.	% COLLEGE 1-3 YRS.	% COLLEGE GRAD.	MED. ED.	RESIDENCE 1960 SAME AS 1955 PERCENT
19-A	7.5	1.7	2.5	8.5	54.9
19-B	11.3	1.8	1.0	8.5	56.2
19-D	10.6	1.9	1.4	8.5	58.4
25-A	15.1	2.6	1.2	8.7	66.2
31-A	11.5	1.5	0.7	8.7	62.2
33-I	12.0	2.0	1.1	8.7	67.1
33-J	10.8	1.8	0.8	8.7	67.2

That table also shows the proportion of the population which was living in the same house in 1960 as in 1955. The community is a fairly stable one, according to those figures.

The next table, based on the membership maps prepared by the churches of the diocese, shows the strength of the Episcopal Church in the parish area as well as the relative strength of St. Luke's Church. As the table is studied it should be remembered that the Episcopal Church throughout Philadelphia reaches people equal in number to 2.0% of the 1960 population.

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	1960 TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
19-A	7,938	113	1.4	35	31.0	10.2
19-B	9,250	99	1.1	0	-	-
19-D	6,631	71	1.1	6	8.5	1.8
25-A	9,533	162	1.7	18	11.1	5.3
31-A	9,982	82	0.8	37	45.1	10.8
33-I	12,045	219	1.8	39	17.8	11.4
33-J	14,153	249	1.8	121	48.6	35.5
	69,532	995	1.4	256	25.7	75.0

As the table shows, the Episcopal Church is not strong in this portion of Kensington. St. Luke's Church finds most of its own members within its immediate vicinity, but accounts for only a little over a quarter of the total resident Episcopal population. The attention of the congregation is drawn to the areas in which the church has very few members, especially Census Tract 19-B and D. It would be interesting if the reasons for such a meager Episcopal population could be determined.

THE CHURCH PROGRAM

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The congregation is urged to give careful attention to the accompanying Church Self-Study Form which was prepared by the Local Survey Committee and which forms the basis for much of the knowledge about the church gained by the General Division of Research and Field Study. The following paragraphs are intended to emphasize selected aspects of the Church Self-Study Form, rather than to provide a complete analysis.

On the usual Sunday morning about 39% of the baptized members reported in the Self-Study Form are in church services or classes. That level of attendance is somewhat below the most frequently reported figures, 45 to 50%. If the mapped membership, 341, is used rather than the Diocesan Journal figure of 420, the attendance level works out to about 48%. Weekday celebrations of the Holy Communion are attended by a very small number of people, suggesting a need for a careful evaluation of the purpose and the time of those services.

It is rather surprising to find that the congregation has apparently no problems with its Christian education program and that there is no way in which it can be improved. That is in spite of the report showing that five of the 10 church school teachers have been teaching for less than one year, a rate of turnover which may be associated with the complete lack of training for teachers.

One of the problems which the organizations of the congregation face is that of a limited number of potential members. Its seems, however, that the actual participation in the organizations is even lower

than might be expected. Perhaps the congregation should consider a radical change of organizational structure, adopting a "task force" approach, one which would call on people with particular talents and interests in order to accomplish a specific job without establishing a perpetual organization. Some congregations have found that by working as a "committee of the whole" the bond becomes much closer among the members, and work is done more effectively.

Of the annual income of about $16,200.00, almost 95% came from the regular pledges of the members, an unusually high and commendable level of pledging. The annual pledge income per communicant is about $76.00 a figure which is substantially above the diocesan average of $46.00. The preceding facts help to explain how a congregation of such a modest size has been able to maintain a large building and parish hall as well as St. Luke's has.

It is reported that the rector makes approximately 17 calls each week on behalf of the congregation, working very hard at this essential task. It is also reported that the lay members of the congregation are planning to take part in the task of reaching new members and of keeping a contact between the parish and the present members. St. Luke's Church takes little part in community affairs as a group, although some individuals are active. The fairly scattered distribution of members is no doubt partly responsible. The Self-Study Form shows, however, that the congregation is also quite inactive in diocesan affairs, suggesting that the parish has an essentially self-centered point of view.

GENERAL DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND FIELD STUDY
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Date Dec 22, 1964

CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Church St. Luke, Kensington

Street "B" and Huntingdon Sts.

City Philadelphia

County Philadelphia

Diocese Pennsylvania

Parish or Mission Parish

State Pennsylvania

What geographic area does this church serve?

West to 2nd Street; East To Frankford Avenue; South to York Street; North to Tioga Street.

II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:

Downtown commercial uses ____ Industrial uses * Apartment dwellings *

Rooming houses * Single-home dwellings * A college ____ Military uses ____ Other institutions * (A Hospital & School of Nursing)

B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:

~~Yes-~~

C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:

Yes, large plants are being used by more than one firm. Many homes are being rented and becoming run down. Spanish speaking people coming in.

D. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

PUBLIC GRADESCHOOLS	ADDRESS

PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS	ADDRESS

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL NURSERY SCHOOLS	ADDRESS

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS	ADDRESS

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS	ADDRESS

JUNIOR COLLEGES AND COLLEGES	ADDRESS

E. The following churches are located within the church neighborhood:

NAME OF CHURCH AND DENOMINATION	ADDRESS

III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

Please write out a short history of this congregation. How was the work started? Give the important dates and events.

Founded as the Episcopal Hospital Mission, April 19, 1863. The Mission building was dedicated October 7, 1883. The Sunday School held its first session in the Mission Building October 14, 1883. The last celebration of the Holy Communion for the Mission was held in the Hospital Chapel April 3, 1904, and the last meeting to be held in the Mission Building was the Opportunity Circle of the Daughters of the King on February 5, 1906. St. Luke's Church was consecrated by Bishop Whittaker on May 1, 1904, the first service in the New Church having been held on April 24th of the same year. The Parish house was dedicated by Bishop Whittaker on February 10, 1906.

The Parish has had its ups and downs through its history, both financial and liturgical. One former Rector became a Bishop. Two former Rectors have been deposed. All of this has made for instability and a people confused. But by the grace of God alone have many members remained true to Jesus.

IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation reporting the use of each parcel.

"B" and Huntingdon Streets - a 600 seat Church & a large two story Parish House, with a Gym in the basement. 143 E. Lehigh Ave - a six room rectory.

2. Type of church building: Frame ____ Brick ____ Stone * Other _____ (type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed, with estimated cost:

Large Rectangle, with one center aisle. Seats 549 in Congregation, 60 in Choir. Many of the windows need replacing (not many are stained glass.) We are beginning work on this. Cost not known at the moment.

Replacement Value $325,300.00 Amount of insurance carried $190,000.00

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached _____ Separated * _____;

In basement of the church _____; Frame _____ Brick _____

Stone * Other _____ (type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

Large two story building, in fairly good condition. Top floor - 1 large room, 2 medium size rooms, 1 small room; Main floor - 1 large room, 6 medium size rooms, one of which is used as a chapel. Basement - rest rooms, kitchen, gym, boiler room.

Replacement value $182,200.00 Amount of insurance carried $123,500.00

4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached *row Separated _____;

Frame _____ Brick * Stone _____ Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building, and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

6 rooms and bath

Floors and walls in two bedrooms beed doing - $400.00

Is it used as a clergy residence? _____ If not, what use is made of the building?

Replacement value: $ 9,000.00 Insurance carried: $8,500.00

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving (a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition; (d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value; (f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

B. Membership (secure from parish records):

1. Number of church families: Total number 111

Number of individuals not in families 43

2. Baptized membership — Communicants — Church School

Baptized membership 1950	Baptized membership 1960	Baptized membership Now	Communicants 1950	Communicants 1960	Communicants Now	Church School 1950	Church School 1960	Church School Now
	450	420		226	200		60	80

	5 yrs. ago	4 yrs. ago	3 yrs. ago	2 yrs. ago	Last year
3. Number of baptized members who were removed from the parish list				19	6
Number of baptized members who were added to the parish list	14	14	23	10	9

4. Communicants added: By confirmation from Episcopal families	6	3	5	4	6
By confirmation from other Churches	1	1	2	5	2
By reception from other Churches	1	2	0	1	0
By baptism and confirmation from no church	8	6	7	10	8
Total					

5. Attendance:

Number of communicants who attended regularly last year 100

Number of communicants who attended occasionally 76

Number who did not attend last year, but lived in the community 24

Number of communicants who did not live in the community, but were on the parish records, not transferred 0

6. How many persons attended the last annual business meeting? 100

V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)* LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Morning Prayer	7:30 am	1	1	1
Holy Eucharist, Sermon	8:00 am	25	40	99
Sung Eucharist, Sermon	11:00 am	49	70	145
Grades 5 - 12	9:30 am	15	30	36
Grades 1-4, Nursery, Kinder.	11:00 am	18	25	40

*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE* LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Matins	Mon, Fri-6am; Tue, Thu, 6:30am; Wed-9:30am; Sat-8:30am	1	1	1
Eucharist	Mon, Fri-6:30am; Tue, Thu-7am; Wed-10am; Sat-9am	1	3	15
Evensong	Mon - Sat-5:30 pm	1	2	5

*Use figures from the Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

Stations of the Cross during Lent

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

In 1958 late Service was 11am; moved in Fall 1958 to 11am - attendance same.

In 1958 Church School at 9am; moved in Fall 1958 to 9:30 am - more time for teaching, attendance up. The following are changed in Church School:

Fall 1961	9:30 am	Grades 1-12	11 am	Nursery & Kindergarten
Fall 1962	9:30 am	Grades 3-12	11 am	Nursery - Grade 2
Fall 1963	9:30 am	Grades 5-12	11 am	Nursery - Grade 4

Changes in Church Service at 11 am - till Fall 1964 Eucharist every Sun but 3rd when ther was Matins & Baptism. Beginning Fall 1964 Eucharist every Sun.

Baptisms on 3rd Sun of ~~[illegible]~~ Sept, Nov, Jan, March, May, July

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? Yes as requested
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? No
3. Is baby care provided during any service? No, but Kindergarten & Nursery Classes meet during 11 am Service.

VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. Church School

1. Registration and attendance

a. Teachers and staff 8

b. Students 60

Total 68

c. Lowest total classroom attendance during the past year 30

d. Highest total classroom attendance during the past year (except for Christmas and Easter) 53

e. Are absentee cards used? NO

f. How many months of the year is the church school in operation? 9

g. If teachers call on students in case of absence, or for other reasons, please give details. _____

2. Worship schedule

CLASS OR DEPARTMENT	DAY	HOUR	DURATION	LEADER
Children in Grades 5 - 12 are expected to attend Church at either 8 or 11 am				
Children in Nursery - Grade 4 attend Worship each Sunday, coming in right after				
Sermon at the Eucharist				

3. Instruction schedule 1964-65

CLASS	REGISTRATION	AGE	SEX	DAY	HOUR	DURATION	COURSE MATERIAL
10-12 Boys	8	15-17	M	Sun	9:30am	1 hr	Episcopal Fellow-
10-12 Girls	5	15-17	F	Sun	9:30am	1 hr	ship
7-9 Boys	6	12-14	M	Sun	9:30am	1 hr	"
7-9 Girls	9	12-14	F	Sun	9:30am	1 hr	"
5&6	12	10,11	M,F	Sun	9:30am	1 hr	"
3&4	10	8,9	M,F	Sun	11am	45 min	"
1&2	15	6,7	M,F	Sun	11am	45 min	"
Kindergarten	10	4,5	M,F	Sun	11am	45 min	"
Nursery	6	2,3	M,F	Sun	11am	45 min	"

4. List the teaching aids used, including audio-visual material.

Black boards, Film Strips, Posters, Flannel Boardes, Work Sheets, Readers, Bibles

5. Describe the program for pre-school children.

As in Episcopal Fellowship Nursery & Kindergarten Courses

6. Data on the teaching staff

a. How are teachers recruited? **By Rector**

b. Describe the way in which teachers are trained, giving the number of sessions, the leaders, etc.

c. How are teachers assisted in the performance of their duties?

Individually by Rector as need arises

d. Summary of teachers' backgrounds

AGE	Number	EDUCATION	Number	YEARS TEACHING	Number
19 years or less	1	Grade school		one	5
20 to 29	3	Junior high		two	1
30 to 39	3	Senior high		three	
40 to 49	3	1 to 3 years College	7	four	2
50 years or more	1	College grad.	2	five	
		Graduate study	~~2~~ 1	6 to 10	2
Male	3			11 to 20	
Female	7	K-12		20 and over	

7. What problems does the church school have? _____

_____

_____

_____

B. Vacation Church School **NONE**

1. When is it held? _____

2. For how long each day? _____

3. What type of courses are taught? _____

_____

4. How many children attend, usually? _____

5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's church school? _____

6. How many teachers are there? _____

C. Released Time Program **NONE**

1. When are classes held? _____

2. What type of courses are taught? _____

_____

3. How many of this congregation's children attend? _____

4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation?

_____

_____

5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to the Christian education program of this congregation?

_____

_____

D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report.

E. Confirmation Instruction

1. Children

a. What is the usual age of confirmation? 11 b. How many instruction sessions are held? 2 yrs c. How long is each session? 1 hr d. Who is the instructor? Rector e. What material is used? Offices of Instruction & St. James Lessons #6 & #7

f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material to the regular church school curriculum? It augments what they are learning there.

2. Adults

a. How many sessions are held? 1 yr b. How long is each session? 1 hr c. Who is the instructor? Rector d. What material is used? Offices of Instruction, Assigned Reading

F. Adult Education

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation, including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

NAME OF GROUP	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	LENGTH OF MEETINGS	INSTRUCTOR
Adult Study Group	10	8	1 1/2 hrs	Rector

2. What Retreats, missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants.

1 Quiet Mornign for Women - 12

1 Quiet Morning for Men - 6

3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.

NONE

G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?

VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women

1. Give the total number of adult women in the congregation. 137

2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. ~~3~~ 2

3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 25

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. 78

2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. 2

3. Give the total membership of all these organizations. 13

C. For Men and Women

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. 1

2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations 7

D. For Girls in:	grade school	junior high	high school
1. Total number of girls	24	11	17
2. Number of organizations			1
3. Total active membership			5

E. For Boys in:	grade school	junior high	high school
1. Total number of boys	21	7	14
2. Number of organizations		1	1
3. Total active membership		4	4

F. For Youth in:	grade school	junior high	high school
1. Number of organizations	1	1	
2. Total active membership	4	5	

N.B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Vestry

Total active members 12 Average attendance at meetings 8

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 1st Sun after 11 ~~am Service~~

B. Why does this organization exist?

Take care of business administration in cooperation with Rector

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Active Communicant Men over 21

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

NONE

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Head EMC; do minor repairs

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Opportunities - Fellowship, insight into problems of Parish.

Problems - barely enough men who will serve, poor attendance at meetings, in rare occasions get committees to function

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? better training for jobs to be done; too much on a voluntary basis

Signed by: John MacAllister Title: Rector's Warden

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name **Acolytes**

Total active members **11** Average attendance at meetings **8**

Number of meetings each month **varies** Day and time of meetings **varies**

B. Why does this organization exist?

to serve in the sanctuary, to learn how to worship God more effectively.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Confirmed men and boys

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

None - other than learning how to serve

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: **(The Rev.) H. Roberts Lorenz** Title: **Director**

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Junior Choir

Total active members 9 Average attendance at meetings 8

Number of meetings each month weekly Day and time of meetings ~~Thu, 7pm~~

B. Why does this organization exist?

to lead the congregation in worship, to learn how to worship God more effectively, to offer music to God's glory, to provide an organization for the youth of the Parish

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Grades 5-9 Boys and Girls

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Weekly rehearsal

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Parties occasionally; an outing

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Getting more boys interested

Signed by: (The Rev.) H. Roberts Lorenz Title: Rector

The Choir Director has been on sick leave for four months

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Senior Choir

Total active members 12 Average attendance at meetings 9

Number of meetings each month Weekly Day and time of meetings Thur, 7:45

B. Why does this organization exist?

to lead the Congregation in Worship, to learn how to worship God more effectively, to offer their music to God's Glory

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Adult Men & Women above 15

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

weekly rehearsal

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

on occasion not enough people to fill all four parts

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: (The Rev.) H. Roberts Lorenz Title: Rector

The Choir Director has been on sick leave for four months

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name **Altar Guild**

Total active members 5 Average attendance at meetings _____

Number of meetings each month 0 Day and time of meetings _____

B. Why does this organization exist?

to clean the sanctuary and sacristy; to prepare these for Worship

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Adult women

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

training in how to set up for worship

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: **(The Rev.) H. Roberts Lorenz** Title: **Director**

IX. CLERGY OR LAY READERS IN CHARGE SINCE 1930

NAME	APPROX. AGE AT START OF MINISTRY HERE	PERIOD OF TENURE	MOVED TO:
Hawthorne			died as Rector
D. Colony			became military chaplain
W. R. Jeffries		4	St. Martin's, Radnor
J. W. Treleaven		6	-----
H. R. Lorenz	25	6 1/2	still Rector

A. Does the present minister live in the neighborhood? Yes

Does he give full time to this church? Yes If not, what other church(es) does he serve, or what other work does he do?

B. How many people from this parish have gone into full time work for the church within the past ten years, or are now studying for such work? 1
Please give details.

One man was ordained to the priesthood in 1958

C. How many licensed lay readers serve the congregation now? 0

Do any lay readers from this congregation serve other congregations? 0

If so, which congregations?

X. FINANCE

A. Income (Last Full Year): (1) Pledges $ 15,293.77 (2) Plate offerings $ 787.76 (3) Parish or mission organizations $ _____ (4) Endowments $ 99.26 (5) Special fund drives $ _____ (6) Other (please specify) $ _____

B. Disbursements

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	Last Full Year
Total current expenses	3,105.41	3,412.13	4,464.89	$10,120.75	5,015.37	10,159.07
Diocesan Assessment	308.00	394.58	371.12	277.12	247.00	369.92
Missionary Disbursements	120.00	391.69	136.91	673.40	1,856.43	1,320.35
Special parish expense						
Clergy salary or salaries: from congregation a)	1,494.01	2,700.00	3,000.00	2,922.00	3,905.00	4,299.92
b)						
from other sources a)						
b)						

Rental value of the rectory $ _____

Is the church in debt? _____ Amount of debt $ _____ Method of repayment _____

Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? **No**

If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? **Personal** Describe the training of the canvassers. **Only regular attenders have been visited the last several years because of lack of callers.**

8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used?

Sermons

9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-support?

10. Additional comments or information on finances:

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? **Yes**
2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest * Congregation ___ Diocese ___
3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting depreciation? $_____ 4. By whom is the operating expense paid? **Priest**
5. How much does the local congregation pay?
6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business **350**

XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:*

TYPE OF CALL	NUMBER OF CALLS PER WEEK LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
1. Family or routine parish	1	5	15
2. Sick or emergency	4	6	10
3. Calls for other purposes	5	6	15

4. Time set aside for pastoral calling:

Three afternoons a week

5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling?

according to geographical areas

6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers?

You don't organize, YOU CALL

7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week) 4-8

* Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.

B. Lay calling:

1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization. None - Yet, but in the making

2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the number of participants and the time spent.

Partial EMC 18 people about 8 calls a piece

3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time. _____

4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?

5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. What use is made of the press? Ads - Christmas, Easter

B. What use is made of radio and/or television? None

C. What use is made of the U.S. Mail? A six weeks letter to Parish

D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc.

Sunday programs & announcements distributed Sept - June

E. How many church road signs are there? 2

XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

A. Is this congregation community-minded? **As Individuals, Yes**

B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs.

Rector - Member of Kensington Community Council

C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs.

D. Describe the general parish program for the community (including such church-sponsored programs as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.):

None

E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:

None Several Women's Organizations do use our facilities, but they are not community organizations.

F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:

DoesNot

XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? Secretary - North Phila. Convocation

B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? Treasurer - North Phila. Convocation

C. What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation?

D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan programs:

E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan programs:

F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs:

G. Does this congregation pay its full Missionary Share or Quota? Yes

H. What percent of the congregation's budget does for missionary work? 5%

XV. STAFF

A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, function, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

Rector - $4,600.00 plus Rectory and Utilities	**Full Time**
Sexton- $50.00 per week	**Full Time**
Organist & Choir Director - $60.00 per month	**Part Time**

B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

None

XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: **Part Time Secretary**

2. Buildings:

3. Equipment:

B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

fellowship; obligation to the unchurched

C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

not enough interested people to share jobs

D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

This and the following questions the group could not answer.

E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

F. What would be the annual operating budget to maintain the program?

G. What steps are now being taken locally to meet these needs and opportunities?

H. What steps are now being taken by the diocese or district, or might be taken, to assist in meeting these needs and opportunities?

I. Further data or comment on the general needs and problems of this congregation:

The data in this report were furnished by the following committee:

NAME	OCCUPATION	NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARISH
John MacAllister	Shop Steward	Life
Joseph O'Bryan	Cabinet Maker	12
Clyde Millard	Rail Road -Office	12
Howard New	Carpenter	10
Harry Elwell	FireMan	Life
Alice Baumeister	Housewife	Life

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

St. Luke's Church submitted a map on which were shown the places of residence of 341 persons. Three-quarters of those persons live within the eight census tracts closest to the church buildings. The pattern of the membership distribution is that of persons resident along Kensington and Frankford Avenues, but with some people living along Roosevelt Boulevard. The largest concentration of members is to be found in Census Tract 33-J to the north of Lehigh Avenue.

The congregation reports a mapped membership of 341, a figure in contrast to the Diocesan Journal and Church Self-Study Form report of 420 persons. That discrepancy indicates a need for a careful study of the church lists.

REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

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The 1940's and early 1950's apparently saw the high point of membership in St. Luke's Church. Those same years also have seen the high point of the population in the area, but St. Luke's Church showed a decrease of membership which was greater in proportion than the decrease in population. From 1950 to 1960 the population of the four census tracts for which data is available decreased by 9.0%. During that same time the baptized membership of St. Luke's decreased by 35.3%, the communicant strength by 44.2%, and the church school enrollment by 16.0%.

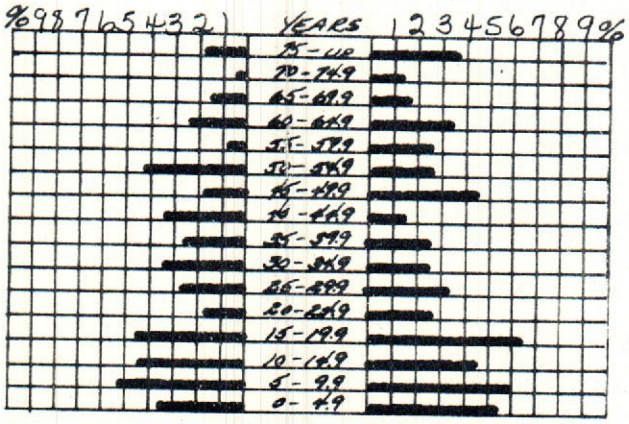
Any analysis of figures since 1961 is somewhat hindered by the lack of a communicant strength report for 1963.

From 1961 through 1963, St. Luke's Church set aside 7.6% of its total reported expenditures for work outside of the parish, a ratio which is about equal to that of the other churches in the lower North Philadelphia area, but is quite a bit less than the ratio for the churches in Philadelphia as a whole, 12.2%, and for the diocese, 14.9%.

THE PROFILE OF PH-63 ST. LUKE'S
CITY & COUNTY PHILADELPHIA, PHILADELPHIA
DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

AGE AND SEX CLASSIFICATION

TOTAL NUMBER REPORTING 320



MALE NUMBER	MALE PERCENT	AGE GROUP IN YEARS	FEMALE PERCENT	FEMALE NUMBER
6	1.9	75-up	3.8	12
1	0.3	70-74.9	1.3	4
4	1.3	65-69.9	1.9	6
7	2.2	60-64.9	3.2	10
3	0.9	55-59.9	2.8	9
13	4.1	50-54.9	2.8	9
6	1.9	45-49.9	4.7	15
11	3.5	40-44.9	1.6	5
8	2.5	35-39.9	2.5	8
10	3.2	30-34.9	2.5	8
9	2.8	25-29.9	3.2	10
6	1.9	20-24.9	2.8	9
15	4.7	15-19.9	6.3	20
15	4.7	10-14.9	4.7	15
16	5.1	5-9.9	6.0	19
12	3.8	0-4.9	5.1	16
142	44.8	TOTALS	55.2	175

AGE GROUPS

TOTAL NO. REP. 317

No.	%		10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
93	29.4	14-UNDER	
189	59.6	20-OVER	
33	10.5	65-OVER	

BAPTIZED

TOTAL NO. REP. 320

No.	%		10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
316	98.8	YES	
4	1.2	NO	

CONFIRMED

TOTAL NO. REP. 320

No.	%		10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
190	59.4	YES	
130	40.6	NO	

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CHURCH NAME AND REF. NO. PH-63 ST. LUKE'S, PHILADELPHIA

LENGTH OF MEMBERSHIP IN THIS CONGREGATION — TOTAL NO. REP. 255

No.	%	YEARS
55	21.6	0 - 4.9
50	19.6	5 - 9.9
41	16.1	10 - 14.9
26	10.2	15 - 19.9
14	5.5	20 - 24.9
69	27.0	25 - OVER

NON-EPISCOPALIAN: BELONG TO WHAT CHURCH — TOTAL NO. REP. 33

No.	%	DENOMINATION	
		BAPTIST	
2	6.1	LUTHERAN	
2	6.1	METHODIST	
1	3.0	PRESBYTERIAN	
26	78.8	ROMAN CATH.	78.8
		HEBREW	
1	30.0	UNITED	30.0
1	30.0	DISCIPLES	30.0

CHURCH FORMERLY BELONGED TO: — TOTAL NO. REP. 18

No.	%	DENOMINATION
		BAPTIST
5	27.8	LUTHERAN
3	16.6	METHODIST
1	5.6	PRESBYTERIAN
8	44.4	ROMAN CATH.
		HEBREW
1	5.6	UNITED

CHURCH NAME AND REF. NO. PH-63 ST. LUKE'S, PHILADELPHIA

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OCCUPATION

TOTAL NO. REP.

No.	%	Class
36	11.3	PRE-STUDENT
88	27.7	STUDENTS
65	20.4	HOUSEWIVES
3	0.9	UNEMPLOYED
16	5.0	RETIRED
5	1.6	PROFESSIONAL
		FARM MANAGER
4	1.3	MANAGERS
22	6.9	CLERICAL
4	1.3	SALES
23	7.2	CRAFTSMEN
31	9.8	SEMI-SKILLED
3	0.9	DOMESTIC
14	4.4	SERVICE
		FARM LABOR
		LABORERS
4	1.3	MILITARY

EDUCATION

TOTAL NO. REP. 180

No.	%	College
6	3.3	4 OR MORE
8	4.4	1-3
		HIGH SCHOOL
37	20.6	4
70	38.9	1-3
		ELEMENTARY
59	32.8	5-8
		1-4
		NONE

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME

TOTAL NO. REP. 57

No.	%	Children
15	26.3	ONE
18	31.6	TWO
12	21.0	THREE
3	5.3	FOUR
9	15.8	MORE

BORN THIS STATE

TOTAL NO. REP. 306

No.	%	
284	92.8	YES
22	7.2	NO

BORN IN U.S.A.

TOTAL NO. REP. 306

No.	%	
300	98.0	YES
6	2.0	NO

CHURCH NAME & REF. NO. PH-63 ST. LUKE'S, PHILADELPHIA

DISTANCE FROM CHURCH — TOTAL NO. REP. 98

No.	%	MILES	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	
73	74.5	1 OR LESS										74.5
14	14.3	1 - 1.9										
2	2.0	2 - 2.9										
2	2.0	3 - 3.9										
7	7.2	4 OR MORE										

TIME FROM CHURCH — TOTAL NO. REP. 98

No.	%	MINUTES	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
37	37.7	10 OR LESS									
42	42.9	10 - 19									
8	8.2	20 - 29									
11	11.2	30 OR MORE									

HOME OWNERS — TOTAL NO. REP. 97

No.	%		10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
76	78.4	YES									
21	21.6	NO									

RESIDENCE BUILT — TOTAL NO. REP. 89

No.	%	YEAR	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	
1	1.1	1960 - PRESENT											
1	1.1	1950 - 1959											
3	3.4	1940 - 1949											
2	2.3	1930 - 1939											
5	5.6	1920 - 1929											
17	19.1	1900 - 1919											
60	67.4	1899 BEFORE											67

TYPE OF DWELLING — TOTAL NO. REP. 98

No.	%	CLASS	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
88	89.8	SINGLE									
1	1.0	DUPLEX									
8	8.2	APT. HOUSE									
		HOTEL									
1	1.0	ROOM. HOUSE									
		INSTITUTION									
		TRAILER									

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DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, Kensington, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The congregation of St. Luke's Church deserves commendation for continuing for many years under adverse circumstances. One noteworthy point is that, according to the Self-Study Form, almost all of the income of the congregation is derived from the pledges of the members. The average pledge per communicant is about $76.00 a year, substantially in excess of the national average of $56.00. There would seem to be a very careful use of the available money by the congregation, in view of the high operating and maintenance costs of the church buildings. The Church Self-Study Report notes, for instance, that there is quite a bit of work to be done on the windows in the church and the parish hall needs brightening up and refurbishing, although it is reported to be in fairly good structural condition. The heavy burden of maintenance costs will continue and may well be expected to increase in coming years.

Against the purely physical and financial factors affecting the future of the congregation must be placed the continuing change of the Kensington neighborhood. At present, approximately three-quarters of the present members live within a mile of St. Luke's Church and it is hoped that as neighborhood change continues, the portion of local members will remain high. The congregation is already beginning to develop lay calling on an area basis, an approach which has proved valuable in many parishes. Effective evangelism, of course, depends upon a thorough knowledge of the teachings of the church and of the consequences which follow from adherance to those teachings. Although there are a few adults in the congregation who are studying, it is urged that many more join in the task of examining the overall purpose of St. Luke's Church in Kensington today, in order that many members may be ready to speak of the Church to new neighbors and acquaintances.

Increased knowledge of the church will have effects in various areas of the parish life. Not only will individuals be better equipped and more willing to be witnesses, but there will be a demonstrably warmer reception of visitors. More church school teachers will be available, the rather low level of attendance at services will improve, and the general spirit of the congregation will be brighter.

It is suggested that the vestry of St. Luke's Church be augmented by representatives of the various groups within the congregation in order to undertake long-range planning for St. Luke's Church. The primary emphasis should be on the purpose which the congregation should fulfill in its neighborhood. Once that question has been settled, plans can be made for the putting into effect of that purpose. A careful study of the Diocesan Survey, including city and area plans as well as the portion concerning St. Luke's Church, might be used as a starting point for the planning.

It seems to the General Division of Research and Field Study that the congregation is approaching a turning point. Either it appeals strongly and effectively to the changing neighborhood, with a consequent increase in numerical strength, or it withdraws from the arena and loses purpose and strength rapidly. Close cooperation with the diocese, especially with the nearby parishes and with the Archdeacon, is strongly urged in order that St. Luke's Church may learn from others and contribute to them.